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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Radio's Service to the China Mail)  
**COAL STRIKE**  
RAILWAYMEN FAVOUR SUPPORT FOR MINERS.  
COAL CONSUMPTION RESTRICTED.  
LONDON, April 3.  
The Government has decided that miners on strike are not entitled  
to unemployment allowances on the ground that the strike is not a trade dispute.  
Meetings of railwaymen at Birmingham, Newcastle, Derby, Rotherham,  
Sheffield, and Leeds, and of the Southern Federation, the last named  
representing 100,000 men, to-day passed resolutions in favour of support-  
ing the miners, most of the resolutions indicating support even to the  
point of striking.  
At meetings of railwaymen in London and other centres  
to-day, speakers strongly favoured action in support of the  
miners, declaring that if the other unions allowed the miners to be beaten  
they would be attacked and beaten in turn. Mr. Clegg, the secretary of  
the Railwaymen's Union, said at Birmingham that if he felt the Triple  
Alliance were solid he would do his utmost to get every man to stop work  
immediately. It was a heroic thing to lead men into battle, but it was  
foolish to lead them into a ditch. For success all means of transport must  
be stopped.  
Orders restricting the consumption of coal have been issued. Domestic  
supplies have been limited to 1 cwt. a week and industrial consumption  
generally to half the normal.

**FIGHTING IN ANATOLIA**  
DESPERATE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.  
In a desperate struggle with the Greeks north of Eskişehir in Anatolia,  
the Turks hold a strong position between Boreynuk and Gordius where  
they have concentrated their main force of about 20,000 men well supplied  
with artillery and ammunition, including several 6-in. howitzers which are  
well served. The Greek left wing was held up but the right, after three  
days' fighting, captured Kovakli Hui and forced back the Turkish left wing.  
It is reported that the Greek casualties total seven thousand.

**ANCIENT CHINESE JEWELLERY**  
THIEVES ENTER CHINESE LEGATION AT BOMBAY.  
BOMBAY, April 3.  
Thieves visited the Chinese Legation at night and opened a case  
belonging to the Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Tang, which had contained a box  
of ancient jewellery valued at a million lire, but fortunately the box had  
been removed to safe custody. The thieves searched many rooms and  
stole several valises hoping they contained the valuables but abandoned  
them in the garden after opening them. The police think soon to arrest  
the thieves.

**INDIA'S NEW VICEROY.**  
SPLENDID RECEPTION AT BOMBAY.  
BOMBAY, April 3.  
Lord Reading's reception, one of the finest ever accorded a Viceroy,  
was marked by the booming of guns, and the cheering of huge crowds.  
The Corporation's address of welcome alluded to the ancient race to which  
the Viceroy belonged. Replying to the address, Lord Reading wondered  
whether perhaps by some fortunate almost, indefinitely subtle, sub-conscious-  
ness his descent might quicken and facilitate his understanding of the aims,  
aspirations, joys, and sorrows of the Indian people and assist him to catch  
the almost inarticulate cries and inaudible whispers of the multitudes who  
sometimes suffer most yet find it difficult, if not impossible, to express  
their needs.

**DEVASTATED REGIONS.**  
LABOUR CONFERENCE THINKS GERMANY SHOULD PAY.  
AMSTERDAM, April 4.  
A conference of the Second Labour International passed a resolution  
with the concurrence of the German delegates in favour of immediate  
restoration of the devastated regions by means of international loans which  
Germany should undertake to repay by 30 annuities. Other indemnities  
should be fixed in accordance with German prosperity with a sliding scale  
based not only on exports but also on internal taxation compared with  
other countries.

## HONGKONG COUNCIL

**SHANGHAI COMMENT.**  
"A VERY REAL GRIEVANCE."  
While the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong may not  
have succeeded in obtaining larger unofficial representation on the  
Legislative Council, they will, per-  
haps, view with some gratification  
the increase in the number of un-  
official members of the Executive  
Council by the appointment to that  
body of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.  
K. C., says the N. C. D. News. It  
is not what the Association want-  
ed and does not wholly meet the  
need it has so repeatedly ex-  
pressed. On the other hand—on  
the principle that half a loaf is bet-  
ter than no bread—this departure is to  
be welcomed. It is to be presumed  
that the Association will persist in its  
agitation for increased unofficial  
representation on the Legislative  
Council, and with the power vested

## ANSWER TO

**CORRESPONDENT.**  
Pikhot—Thanks for the marked  
copy of the *Louisville Times*, which  
we found of great interest. We now  
have a large number of appreciative  
American readers, and count on  
more.  
in the Crown of allowing or  
disallowing ordinances passed by  
that body it is difficult to see  
how Imperial interests would  
be in any way endangered by  
granting the reform sought. The  
Legislative Council as at present con-  
stituted is representative more of the  
officials governing the Colony than of  
the residents. For the representatives  
of the latter being in the minority are  
always sure to be outvoted save when  
with the government—and this very  
rarely happens. Until this is remedied  
the Constitutional Reform Association  
would appear to have a very real  
grievance.

## THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 5/8  
To-day's opening rate 2/4 5/8

## THEATRE ROYAL.

BANDMAN OPERA COMPANY.

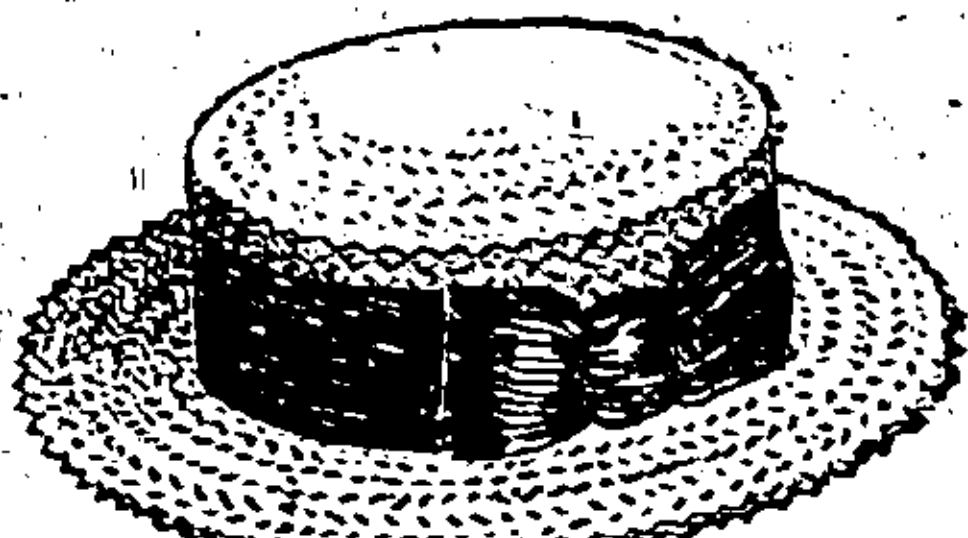
BUZZ-BUZZ.

Saturday night's show at the  
Theatre Royal must be written down  
as another success for the Bandman  
Opera Company. Again the house  
was packed and the frequent bursts  
of applause testified to the enjoyment  
it was getting. "Buzz-Buzz," a  
revue by Arthur Wimperis and Ronald  
Leans was the piece presented.  
Miss Madeline Rossiter again re-  
vealed herself as a very polished  
artist. Her numbers included "Win-  
nie the window cleaner" the popular  
"Swanee" and "Cairo." In each  
of these her splendid work met with  
an enthusiastic response for an encore.  
Her reputation with Hongkong audi-  
ences for versatility and finish is  
already firmly established. "Coupons  
for kisses" was a very popular item  
in which Miss Doree Hanbury and  
Leyland Hodgson were doing the bell-  
ing and cou-pon-ing. Eric Masters  
was the policeman who explained the  
need for having coupons for flirtations.  
Mr. Masters in addition to his excel-  
lent work in the many small sketches  
which were on the programme, gained  
a fine reception in his song "A hun-  
dred years from now." An item which  
found general favour was "Sunshine  
and Rain." Miss Doree Hanbury and  
Miss Grace Barry were responsible  
for the success of this.  
Of the sketches produced "The  
Merchant of Venice" probably took  
first place. It was an extremely  
modernised version of the court scene  
from the Merchant of Venice. Again  
the Jew was outwitted and failed to  
gain his pound of meat although he  
had previously sent his coupons.  
"Buzz-Buzz" taken on the whole  
was a very bright production and  
every member of the company is to  
be congratulated.  
To-night "The Maid of the Mount-  
ains" forms the programme.

## YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kowall,  
Cotton and Yarn Brokers reported on  
April 1 as follows—  
Since our last report of March 10,  
by s.s. "Dhruva," our Yarn market  
had continued very depressed with  
declining tendency but briefly, a sud-  
den good demand from Shanghai of  
10s and 12s Yarn of selected chaps,  
has saved a very critical situation and  
this favourable change as well as the  
present greatly low prices have in-  
duced four local buyers to fill up their  
requirements, which resulted in a  
large business in about 11,000 bales,  
at a decline of \$10 to \$15 per bale.  
The chief feature of the market is  
a good demand in superior chops  
while medium and inferior are alto-  
gether neglected.  
The discouraging news of further  
reductions in prices of Yarn in India  
has made the Foreign holders more  
impatient to part with their stock as  
much as the can, and have taken  
advantage of the present opportunity  
by selling freely at these low rates.  
At the close there is a feeling of  
much activity in our market and  
Chinese buyers are operating freely for  
spot and forward transactions at an  
advance of dollars 5 to 10 per bale,  
and simultaneously market in Bombay  
has strengthened greatly while latest  
telegraphic advices show much im-  
provement there.  
Unsold stock 4,500 bales.  
Bargains 16,000 bales.  
Arrivals:—From Bombay 3,000  
bales.  
Shanghai.—Latest advices from this  
port report better demand all round  
mainly due to buyers coming forward  
to take advantage of tempting prices.  
Japanese Yarn.—With very small  
stock no business of importance has  
passed during the interval.  
Prices in Japan are more favourable  
for forward transactions, but owing to  
unsteady conditions the Chinese buy-  
ers are refraining from making any  
offers. The following are the latest  
quotations:—Nagasaki, No. 10s, at  
\$163; Nagasaki, No. 12s, at \$167;  
Nagasaki, No. 20s, at \$223; 3 Horses,  
No. 10s, at \$160; 3 Horses, No. 16s,  
\$203; 3 Horses, No. 20s, at \$210;  
Yellow Joss, No. 10s, at \$161; Yel-  
low Joss, No. 20s, at \$215; Setzu,  
No. 10s, at \$183; Setzu, No. 20s, at  
\$219; Blue Fish, No. 20s, at \$217.  
Raw Cotton.—With a heavy drop  
in business has been done in this  
commodity. Stock:—250  
bales; Bengal; 300 small bales Chi-  
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# BIRTHS.

**BISSEKER.**—On March 18, 1921, at Tsinanfu, to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bisseker, a daughter.  
**LAIDLAW.**—On March 25, 1921, at Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw, a son.  
**MARTHOUD.**—On March 25, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Marthoud, a daughter.

# MARRIAGE.

**McMURRAY-PURVES.**—On the 2nd April, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, David J. McMurray, only son of the late John McMurray, Dumbarton, to Margaret Henderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Purves, of Drumour, Dunkeld, Perthshire, Scotland.

# STREET CAR FINANCES.

The shareholders of the Hongkong Tramway Company will be meeting this month, and it is too soon yet to prophesy that they will show delicious gratitude for their dividend. As £120,000 (pounds sterling) of their money is at present locked away in what is called a Liability Contingency Account, there are at least two possibilities. One is that this "You Never Can Tell Fund" may be tapped and a decent dividend declared. The other is that a further sum may (in the inscrutable wisdom of the directors) be added unto it, on the ground that contingent liabilities are always well-contingent. It is not only pertinent for them to

ask why this fund was started and made so big, but when, for the answer to the "when" will involve certain reflections upon the directors, who, like all directors, are morally responsible to the shareholders for the level of the price at which their stock is quoted on the market. It is stated that one of the Directors contended that this Contingency Reserve was necessary to cover the risk of the company having to pay the Excess Profits Tax. The Simple Simon sort of shareholder naturally supposes that an excess profits tax would be paid out of excess profits, and wonders why the company should save up ordinary profits to pay it. But his bewilderment, and the occasion of it, may for the present be disregarded. This is the immediate question that the directors will have to answer, namely: In founding this fund, for that purpose, did they consult their legal advisers, and were they aware of the germane circumstances of the Bombay Tramway Company? It was approximately the same time when the two directorates, Bombay and Hongkong, removed their headquarters from London to the venues of their respective works. Our informant thinks that the Hongkong directors took this step a little after the Bombay company did it, and that if they did not know of it, they ought to have known, and to have been fully aware of the reason for the move. This was that by the removal of the administration from London to Bombay, the Bombay company ceased to be liable for the British income tax (except in respect of interest on debentures and dividends actually paid in the United Kingdom) whereupon it was decided by the Revenue Authorities that the company was not liable to pay the Excess Profits Tax. Since that decision, the directors of the Hongkong company, which is in the same box, and this large fund is held to cover a contingency that cannot occur, it is not fair to the shareholders that

the market value of their holdings should be depressed by the low dividends that are caused by this hoarding. A lively meeting is anticipated.

# SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU.

If it were not for the increased sales, we might think the Hongkong public had not noticed the various efforts we have been making to give them interest and satisfaction. We are for ever on the look-out for new "features," which, as every publisher knows, are not so plentiful as berries. Our "Why" series is good stuff. Our "superstitions explained" are better. The local business sketches are voted excellent. "Adversaria" retains its popularity. Now we propose to give you a daily instalment of popular fiction, to try it for a month or so, and if it goes down with you, to carry on. There are various reasons for introducing locally the daily fiction. One is the present high price of novels, which discourages the habitual purchaser. Another is the great popularity of the writer we propose to start with, namely, Sax Rohmer, a master of sensation, whose newest series we have managed to secure. The first instalment will appear to-morrow.

If you have not so far read any of this man's remarkable stories, begin reading them in the *China Mail* to-morrow. If you have, it goes without saying that you will embrace this opportunity. After a few days, write in and tell us (not for publication) what you think about it. The editor values criticisms and suggestions.

# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. P. T. Lambie, of the Sanitary Department, has gone to hospital for treatment of an injury received on the cricket field. He is expected to be out in a few days.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 19, 1921, amounted to 92,998 tons and the sales during the period, to 73,796 tons.

The suffragettes at Canton who were injured in the recent fracas proposed to sue the Provincial Assemblymen for assault. Meanwhile, by 50 votes to 32 the Assembly has decided that women shall not vote.

H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs gave a garden party on Saturday afternoon to which members of the Court, Council and Senate of the University were invited to meet the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, and Lady Brunyate.

Mr. N. C. Wilson, the Hon. Treasurer of St. John's Cathedral, who acted as Treasurer when Mr. Joseph Taylor was transferred to North China, has resigned and Mr. George Hogg has again undertaken the work, which he resigned on going on leave last year.

One imported case of bubonic plague, Chinese, one case of smallpox, Filipino, and one case of cerebro-spinal fever, Chinese, were reported on Friday. Five cases of small pox, three of which were fatal, and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday.

At the Magistracy on Saturday, Mr. R. E. Lindell sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment a Chinese who had swindled a fellow countryman whom he persuaded to finance a fictitious contract for carpentry work with the Peak Tramway. Altogether \$150 was handed to the defendant who alleged that he was using the money to pay wages.

The following is from a Tientsin paper—Shanghai must have some reputation in the Homeland. The other day we read of three English women who wanted positions as stenographers there, all being, apparently, anxious to come to Shanghai. We do not know how conditions are in Shanghai, but in Tientsin there is a distinct dearth of competent stenographers. There are plenty of people who can use a typewriter, many very indifferently indeed, but the number of people who are skilled at shorthand is limited. Spelling, too, is rather a weakness.

An unemployed Chinese found to be in possession of a loaded revolver when stopped at the gate of the Kowloon Docks was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment by Magistrate Lindell on Saturday. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain-Superintendent of Police, asked for the maximum penalty, remarking that it was a dangerous thing for a man out of employment to be going about with a loaded revolver. One of the chambers of the weapon looked as if it had been fired. The defendant said he picked up the revolver on the "a.s. Montague."

# LOCAL WEDDINGS.

# McMURRAY-PURVES.

The Union Church was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon when the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald married Mr. David McMurray, the Engineer Superintendent of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., to Miss Margaret Purves, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Purves, of Drumour, Dunkeld, Perthshire.

The bride, one of the sisters at the Government Civil Hospital, was given away by Mr. de Martin, and was attended by Miss A. Lamond Stewart as bridesmaid. Mr. T. G. Brayfield acted as best man.

The bride was dressed in white *crepe de chine*, with panels of Chantilly lace and wedding veil of Indian net lace with orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies. The bridesmaid wore a buff Georgette dress with buff Georgette hat lined with pink, and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Sisters' quarters at the Government Civil Hospital at which Miss Sloan acted as hostess.

Later the happy couple left for Repulse Bay prior to their departure for Japan where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going away dress was of navy blue tulle and she wore a white hat trimmed with black lace.

# REPRESENTATIVE RECEPTION.

# POPULAR ATHLETE'S MARRIAGE.

A wedding of considerable interest to the Indian community particularly, and the Colony generally, took place yesterday afternoon when members of two well known and highly respected Indian families were joined in matrimony. The contracting parties were Mr. Abdul Hamid Rumi, a well known local sportsman and son of Mr. and Mrs. U. Rumi, old residents of the Colony, and Miss Pansie Hanifa Rafeek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rafeek, also very old residents.

The picturesque rites were performed at the residence of the bride's parents, and afterwards a reception was held at "Dar-el-Sa'adat," 3, Arbutnot Road, the bridegroom's parents' new and commodious residence. Here a large number of the friends of both families, representing every nationality in Hongkong gathered to offer their congratulations.

After photographs of the wedding had been taken outside the house, the gathering adjourned to the reception room where the ceremony of cutting the cake was performed by the bride, after which toasts were proposed.

In proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., who was accompanied by Mrs. Severn, referred to the popularity and the long residence in the Colony of the two families, which was amply testified to by the large and cosmopolitan gathering present. He then spoke of the bridegroom who then spoke of the bridegroom upon as a friend having met him so often on the cricket field. Abdul was a good sportsman, and besides, a cricketer, was a very fine tennis player, and, although he had not actually seen him playing, a clever footballer too. He had captained the University teams in all these three branches of sports. Mr. Severn went on to speak in praise of the terms of the bridegroom's scholastic achievements both at Queen's College and the University. He won the King Edward Scholarship at Queen's College, and did so splendidly at the University that the time came when his father had to give him the choice of either becoming a Professor or joining him in business. He concluded by wishing the bride and bridegroom a long and happy married life.

The bridegroom responded suitably. Mr. Chou Sou Sau, a former Consul for China in Korea, and later fellow administrator in North China, proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. U. Rumi, which was enthusiastically honoured.

After Mr. Rumi had responded, Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh proposed the toast of the bridesmaids and the best man. The latter replied to this in a humorous strain. He said that when he read Shakespeare at school, he formed his own impression of beauty. He then never expected to see those beauties in life, but since he had come to Hongkong and to the Rumi family house, his opinion had been changed. (Applause.)

A string band was in attendance, under the conductorship of Professor Gonzales, and provided music for dancing.

The presents received by the happy couple were very numerous and beautiful, and formed a valuable collection.

# SPORT.

# LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

# SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

One First and two Second Division matches were played off on Saturday, most of the other 1st and 2nd Division teams having played off all their fixtures.

# TITANIA v. POLICE.

In the 1st Division the "Titania," who came out this year's Shield finalists met the Hongkong Police. The match was put down beforehand as an easy thing for the sailors, but the Police put up a splendid struggle and the "Titania" just got their two points by the only goal scored. The Police kicked off and went away with a rush and forced a corner which the sailors cleared. The ball was taken into the Police territory. The sailors at the time in poor shooting form the police goalie, Swan, managed to keep his charge intact. The police then attacked but were brought up for offside, and again the police defence were put upon their mettle. Swan in goal having a busy time of it. Half time came with no score, the sailors having had slightly the better of the exchanges.

The second half opened up with an abortive attack by the police and thereafter the sailors, who seemed to have resumed play fresher than when the match started, kept the police defence very busy. The redoubtable police goalie had to go all out to prevent the sailors from scoring. Right up to full time a goalless draw seemed certain when the sailors were awarded a penalty, Henry making no mistake and scoring the only goal in the match. The final whistle went soon after the kick off. The referee was Mr. Jones.

# 2ND DIVISION.

# KOWLOON v. UNITED.

After a fast and evenly contested match, Kowloon ran out victors by the odd goal in three.

The United, playing with the wind and sun in their favour were leading by one goal at half time—scored by Blake—but in the second half Kowloon scored twice without reply, Bortoff and Coombes each beating the United goalie.

Mr. Pearce was in charge of the game.

# CLUB RES. v. OILERS.

These two teams met on the Club ground at three o'clock, the Oilers winning the game by two goals to nil. Both goals were scored in the first half. In the second half the Club forwards missed a number of chances in front of goal, their defence easily holding the Oilers forwards.

Mr. Hollands was referee.

# LEAGUE TABLE.

# DIVISION I.

(Table to date.)

| CLUB        | P. | W. | L. | D. | P.A. | P. |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|------|----|
| Whitshires  | 16 | 11 | 2  | 3  | 30   | 15 |
| R.C.A.      | 16 | 11 | 3  | 2  | 31   | 24 |
| H.K. Club   | 16 | 7  | 5  | 4  | 22   | 13 |
| "Titania"   | 14 | 8  | 5  | 1  | 25   | 17 |
| "Tamar"     | 16 | 7  | 8  | 1  | 20   | 19 |
| C.C.A.      | 15 | 5  | 6  | 4  | 12   | 14 |
| Kowloon     | 16 | 5  | 8  | 3  | 18   | 24 |
| H.K. Police | 16 | 3  | 10 | 3  | 9    | 25 |
| Ambrose     | 13 | 1  | 11 | 1  | 10   | 32 |

# TO-DAY'S DIV. II MATCHES.

St. Joseph's v. Club Reserves on St. Joseph's ground. Kick off at 5.15 p.m.

# LEAGUE CRICKET.

# H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.

In this match, which was played on Saturday at Kowloon, the home team climbed to third place in the league table by defeating the H.K.C.C. by 59 points. For Hongkong, Mitchell (43) and Farthing (34) were the highest and only double-figure contributors. Kowloon had four double-figure scores in their total, the highest of which was Stalker's 66. The others were Robinson 30, Wheeler 26 and Stapleton 21.

| R.            | E. | A. | W. | P. | P. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| St. Joseph's  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  |
| Club Reserves | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| H.K. Club     | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| H.K. Police   | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| Whitshires    | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| R.C.A.        | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| H.K. Club     | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| "Titania"     | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| "Tamar"       | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| C.C.A.        | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| Kowloon       | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| H.K. Police   | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |
| Ambrose       | 4  | 9  | 4  | 9  | 4  |

The scores were—  
H.K.C.C. 59, K.C.C. 40.  
R. E. A. Webster, b. Pestonji 4  
L. J. Davies, run out 9  
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. and b. Stalker 43  
H. K. Farthing, c. and b. Evans 34  
H. A. Sawyer, c. and b. Overy 40  
C. C. Dance, b. Evans 1  
J. McPhail, c. and b. Overy 1  
H. H. Day, run out 4  
D. J. Lyon Brown, b. Evans 4  
M. E. B. Penfold, not out 1  
J. Rodger, c. and b. Stalker 0  
Extras 3  
Total 103  
Bowling analysis—  
Not kept.  
K.C.C.  
E. L. Braga, c. Rodger, b. Webster 5  
C. L. Stapleton, b. Webster 21  
J. Stalker, c. Dance, b. Farthing 66

|   |    |
|---|----|
| R. D. Evans, st. Davies b. Farthing     | 6  |
| J. P. Robinson, c. McPhail, b. Farthing | 30 |
| F. Wheeler, b. Day                      | 26 |
| H. Overy, c. Day, b. Sawyer             | 2  |
| R. Pestonji, c. Day, b. Sawyer          | 2  |
| A. W. E. Davidson, not out              | 2  |
| Extras                                  | 2  |

Total (6 wks) 162

# Bowling Analysis.

| Webster  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Day      | 9  | 0  | 76 | 2  |
| Farthing | 21 | 0  | 16 | 1  |
| Mitchell | 12 | 2  | 52 | 3  |
| Sawyer   | 3  | 0  | 14 | 0  |
|          | 3  | 0  | 8  | 2  |

# THE LEAGUE TABLE.

| Civil Service | P. | W. | L. | D. | P. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| R.G.A.        | 8  | 7  | 1  | 0  | 21 |
| Kowloon       | 8  | 6  | 2  | 0  | 18 |
| C.R.C.        | 8  | 4  | 2  | 2  | 14 |
| Craigengower  | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 12 |
| H.K.C.C.      | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 11 |
| Indians       | 8  | 2  | 4  | 2  | 11 |
| University    | 8  | 1  | 4  | 3  | 8  |
| Staffs        | 8  | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  |

# Withdrawn.

# CANTON REGATTA.

# HONGKONG SUCCESSIONS.

A telegram received in Hongkong on Saturday evening gives the following results to the Canton Regatta, which took place on that day—

Senior Fours.—1, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club; 2, Victoria Recreation Club.

Crews: R.H.K.Y.C.—C. D. Logan (bow), V. G. Smyth (2), P. Havelock Davies (3), J. S. McCann (str.), H. W. Pelley (cox). V.R.C.—Bow, A. Wensker; 2, F. Merriman; 3, S. Berg; stroke, H. Dreyer.

Senior Pairs.—1, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club; 2, Canton Club. R.H.K.Y.C. Crew: V. G. Smyth (bow); J. S. McCann (stroke); H. W. Pelley (cox).

Junior Fours.—1, Victoria Recreation Club; 2, Canton Club. V.R.C. Crew: Bow, G. May; 2, G. Tiran; 3, J. Berentson; stroke, G. T. Claridge.

Pairs.—1, Canton Club; 2, Victoria Recreation Club. V.R.C. Crew: G. Tiran and J. Berentson (stroke).

# WHY.

IS THE SURFACE OF A GOLF BALL UNEVEN?

Golf balls, as we know them today, are made with a number of flattened protuberances—tiny hills, surrounded by a network of valleys, forming any one of a number of different patterns. This is not done merely for purpose of ornament, nor even to distinguish one make of ball from another, but because experiments have proven that a ball so marked will travel further and follow a truer course than one which is entirely smooth.

In the early days of golf, the oldest of outdoor games now in existence, the balls were made quite smooth, usually being covered with household or some other variety of leather. After this ball had been in play for a little while, however, the club would dent and mar the surface, causing a number of indented streaks, which in the course of time, would become a crisscross pattern not so far different from that to be seen on the new balls of to-day. Moreover, it was noted that the smooth balls which had been used for some time would travel farther and straighter than the new ones, and finally the manufacturers commenced to experiment with a number of different designs, resulting in the standardized patterns now in use.

The explanation of the added accuracy of the indented ball lies in the fact that the air, playing over the uneven surface, gives it a twist and an added velocity analogous to the "kicking" inside the barrel of a gun, while, if the ball is smooth, the air slips off it and the ball loses its impetus of the boring motion.

# THE LAST SET PROVIDED A FINE SIGHT.

for Ng was a trifle more careless than before and the Indian played up and took advantage of this. Ng went to 5/2, but Ismail playing very well equalised after a fine struggle at 5 all and the game went to 7 all, when Ng became aggressive and took the next two games, 9/7.

Ismail was passing Ng at the net very well in the first two sets, but Ng got the hang of his hard cross-court after this and was not troubled by it. If Ismail, whose style is very similar to that of Ng See Kwong, plays somewhat more steadily, he will make a player who will be very hard to beat.

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The results of the other matches played yesterday are—  
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In the Handicap Singles "A" A. W. Alabaster, in the Men's Handicap Doubles, J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys (owe 15/3), beat A. H. Crook and A. D. Ball (owe 3/6) 4-6, 7-5, 9-7.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.  
Mixed Handicap Doubles—Major and Mrs. Bagnall v. Mr. and Mrs. Crook.

Open Championship Singles—J. B. Penman v. Major C. Wilson.

# UNUSUAL OPIUM STORY.

# "EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY."

# SACRIFICE FOR A FRIEND?

An unusual story was told by Wong Hoi when charged before Magistrate Orme this morning with the unlawful possession of 18 tins of prepared non-Government opium, 18 tins of raw opium, and 3 mace of opium dross. He said that the drug belonged to the wife his friend who had gone to the country on business. Yesterday he was paying her a visit when the police came and discovered the opium on the premises. As the woman had a two-month-old baby, he took pity on her and undertook all responsibility in the matter in order that she should not have to go to jail. In the circumstances he asked the Magistrate to be lenient with him.

The Magistrate said that it was possible the defendant's story might be true. At the same time it would be extraordinary generosity on his part.

Sergeant Stimson said that he could not dispute the statement made by the defendant who had undertaken all responsibility in the matter. In addition to the drug, a lot of opium smoking gear was found in the house. There were several men smoking opium on the premises when the police entered. The constable who made the seizure stated that the woman informed him that her husband was in the country and that the defendant was only a visitor to the house. As the defendant insisted in assuming responsibility, he had to charge him. It was a fact that the woman had a small baby.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$1,250 or 15 weeks' hard labour. The drug was confiscated.

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## FROM SHANGHAI

Apr. 5—R. F. Kandahar

15—R. F. Thessa

15—R. F. Swazi

15—R. F. City of Dunkirk

May 6—R. F. Kasanga

12—R. F. Knight Companion

25—R. F. Telomachus

June 20—R. F. Avonches

July 4—R. F. Montevideo

8—R. F. Teiresia

## FROM JAPAN

Apr. 5—R. F. Ningchow

5—N. Y. K. Tottori Maru

7—E. &amp; A. Eastern

13—J. C. L. L. Tiharos

14—R. L. A. Corilla

16—R. F. O. Kaiti

18—R. F. O. Atrium

18—R. F. Ajax

20—R. F. Idmones

23—R. F. Kippon

23—R. F. O. Kadoma

23—E. &amp; A. Katsuna

May 2—R. F. Pyrrhus

12—R. F. O. Nagoya

July 7—R. F. O. Delta

23—R. F. O. Nyasa

## FROM MANILA

Apr. 29—R. F. Protetion

May 21—R. F. Tencor

June 11—R. F. Tathyrus

July 7—R. F. Tyndarus

23—R. F. Protetion

## FROM SAIGON

Apr. 5—A. L. Cadetia

## FROM CALCUTTA

Apr. 15—N. Y. K. Yamagata Maru







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## FIRST GYMKHANA.

## SATURDAY'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The first gymkhana meeting to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club took place at the Racecourse on Saturday afternoon and proved to be a great success. There was a large attendance but the absence of many well known people was occasioned by a garden party at Government House.

Mr. Doyle was the most successful jockey, scoring four firsts and a second. Mr. Bell Irving was second with two firsts and a second, while Mr. Soares had two seconds and two thirds to his credit.

The Band of the Wiltshire Regiment was in attendance and contributed to the pleasure of the afternoon with a fine programme of music. Patron—His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.

Honorary Stewards—His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, K.C.B., His Excellency Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.S.I., K.C.B., Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and Commodore W. Bowden-Smith, C.B.E.

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Gymkhana Committee—Mr. H. Birckett, Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. D. E. Clark, Dr. C. Forsyth, Mr. J. Bell Irving, Mr. T. Leitch, and Major Timmins.

Judges—Mr. D. E. Clark, In Charge of the Scale—Mr. H. Birckett, and Mr. T. Leitch. Starter—Major Law. Time Keeper—Mr. M. L. Sassoon. Secretaries—Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Clerk of the Course—Mr. R. J. Paterson.

## THE RESULTS.

**L—HALF MILE RACE.**  
For Subscription—Griffins of both classes of this season 1920-1921 which have run and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5lb. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races allowed 5lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize \$250; 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$75.

Mr. Saint's St. Anthony, 150 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Doyle) 1  
Mr. Ferdinand's Workshop (late Don Juan), 155 lbs. (Mr. M. L. Soares) 2  
Mr. H. P. White's Carpenter, 153 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 3  
Mr. B. Basto's Frampton, 153 lbs. (Mr. Poits) 0  
Mr. C. R. Thompson's Shooting Star, 150 lbs. (Mr. Thompson) 0  
Mr. Tricolor's Ajax (late Don Carlos), 155 lbs. (Mr. Kremer) 0  
Mr. J. E. H. Bibby's Giverny, 152 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0  
Mr. Grimstone's Ragged Nut (late Raggedyann), 154 lbs. (Mr. S. E. Grimstone) 0

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak's Paradvanture, 158 lbs. (Mr. Bartholomew) 0  
Mr. C. P. Templeton's Mouldy (late Leotard), 155 lbs. (Mr. C. Sargeant) 0  
Mr. Albert's Glad Eye (late East), 144 lbs. (Capt. Spinks) 0  
Mr. Henry Humphreys' Meadow Mouse, 149 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 0  
Messrs. Hosie & Lay's By Jingo, 153 lbs. (Mr. H. Seth) 0  
Mr. Frederick Ellis' Sleepy Hicoughs, 141 lbs. (Mr. Remedios) 0  
Dr. Forsyth's Neston, 141 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0

Fifteen ponies started for this race. Mouldy (late Leotard) got away in a false start, and refusing to be stopped, ran round the course with its rider, much to the chagrin of its backers. It came last in the race proper. When the ponies got away in a rather bad start at the foot of the incline, they were all in a bunch, but passing the Black Rock Workshop (late Don Juan) led slightly. Going down the incline, the field again closed up. Entering the home stretch, St. Anthony spurred, and challenging Workshop, the two ran a neck to neck race. Workshop kept a slight lead throughout and looked like winning, but with a last effort St. Anthony shot in front, just as they passed the winning post, and scored a very popular win. Carpenter was two lengths behind Workshop for third place.

Time: 1min. 55.25secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$5.90 324, \$2,301.60  
2. 6.40 71, 405.60  
3. 9.70 439, 202.80  
Unplaced: 221, 118, 308, 407, 142, 376, 152, 50, 251, 375, 354, 376.

**2.—GYMKHANA STAKES.**  
Value \$500. Distance, one mile. For all China ponies. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race value \$500 or over or ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes in any season 5lb. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins of both classes allowed 5lb.

A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Gymkhana Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Gymkhana meetings during the season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 5lb. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2lb to be deducted next time he starts, such 2lb to remain deducted until he wins again, when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15lb. In the event of two or more ponies tying with the same number of marks after five races have been run the owner shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at \$500, or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee, not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks thereafter. In the event of a run off the

weights for inches as per scale.  
2nd prize, \$300; 3rd prize, \$100.  
Mr. Humphreys' Speckled Mouse, 151 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Doyle) 1  
Mr. Nemasee's Farrah, 153 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 2  
Mr. Soares' Spotted Sand, 151 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0  
Mr. J. Bell Irving's Jewelford (late Dolphin), 151 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0  
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Hongkong Chief, 153 lbs. (Mr. F. Sutton) 0  
Mr. Dyer's Harlequin, 145 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0

—Dead heat.  
A good start. Passing the judges' box for the first time, Harlequin led slightly behind in a bunch. At the Green Gate, Harlequin increased his lead and kept it up until passing the Black Rock when the field closed up on him, Hongkong Chief running strongly in second place. Speckled Mouse spurred at the bend, and running strongly into the home straight, left the field behind and passed the winning post an easy first. The struggle for second place was keen between Farrah and Spotted Sand who ran a neck to neck race and passed the judges' box level.

Time: 2min. 05.45secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$10.50 390, \$4,752.30  
2. 8.20 76, 1,018.35  
3. 5.50 151, 1,018.35  
Unplaced: 51, 697, 306.

**3.—CLASS HANDICAP.**  
"A" Class. Once round. For China ponies. 1st prize, \$250; 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$75.

Mr. John Bell Irving's Scampardale (late Javelin), 155 lbs. (Mr. J. Bell Irving) 1  
Mr. H. P. White's Merryand, 153 lbs. (Mr. P. Kremer) 2  
Mr. C. R. Thompson's Lightning, 145 lbs. (Mr. Thompson) 3  
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Stanley Chief, 156 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Doyle) 0  
Sir Paul's Charing Cross, 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0  
Mr. Albert's Spoil Child, 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0  
Another good start. Charing Cross drew ahead in the first 200 yards, but was soon replaced by Merryand at the Black Rock. Going down the incline, Merryand increased its lead considerably. Rounding the bend however, the field closed up and ran in a bunch. Turning into the straight, Scampardale (late Javelin) shot in front and led unchallenged all the way, coming in first three lengths in front of Merryand who had to put up a hard struggle with Lightning for second place beating him by only half a length.

Time: 1min. 55.25secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$9.30 324, \$2,301.60  
2. 10.30 87, 657.60  
3. 12.20 165, 328.80  
Unplaced: 630, 662, 238.

**4.—BENDING RACE IN THE OPEN.**  
Open to members of the Jockey and Polo Club, Officers of the Army and Navy, and members of the Mounted Troop. 1st prize, \$75; 2nd prize, \$30; 3rd prize, \$20.

Capt. E. G. Spinks ..... 1  
Mr. J. Bell Irving ..... 2  
Mr. E. Greenlees ..... 3

The bending contest provided an agreeable variation of the proceedings. The ponies had to thread their way along a line of bamboo posts passing to right and left of each post alternately and returning in the same way. Fluttering red flags on each post afforded the ponies additional mental concern and the contest provided many interesting displays of horsemanship.

**5.—CLASS HANDICAP.**  
"B" Class. Once round. For China Ponies. 1st prize, \$250; 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$75.

Mr. A. G. Stephen's Hatton, 152 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1  
Mr. Soares' Dandy Child, 148 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 2  
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak's Redbird, 155 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 3  
Mr. Topside's Mountain Steam, 155 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0  
Mr. Tricolor's Quo Vadis (late Field Child), 155 lbs. (Mr. Kremer) 0  
Mr. Maradick's Our John (late Tejo Child), 153 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 0  
Mr. E. Des Vaux's Thistle-down, 152 lbs. (Mr. Campbell) 0  
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak's Mystic Dahlia, 151 lbs. (Mr. Bartholomew) 0  
Mr. B. Basto's Tweedloom, 150 lbs. (Mr. Poits) 0  
Mr. Ferdinand's Birdshot (late Blackbird Dahlia), 150 lbs. (Mr. Remedios) 0  
Mr. Blank's Grassy, 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0  
Mr. Frederick Ellis' Fantile, 150 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0  
Sir Paul's Dollar Bill, 149 lbs. (Mr. Grimstone) 0

Mr. P. C. Patten Moorland King, 147 lbs. (Capt. Spinks) 0  
Dr. Forsyth's Neston, 144 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 0  
Stuten started in this race and after the usual difficulties with such a big field, just as the ponies were got in line for a good start, Fantile got out of control and ran away with its rider. The whole field had to wait until he had made a complete circle of the course before the race could be started. When eventually a start was made, very well contested race was witnessed. For the best part of the race, the field ran in a bunch and it was not until they came into the straight that any particular pony won any material advantage. Here Hatton took the lead and maintaining it well, romped home first a length and a half in front of Dandy Child. Mystic Dahlia gave Redbird a good race for third place and lost by a very small margin.

Time: 1min. 33secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$6.80 494, \$2,180.50  
2. 13.60 694, 623.00  
3. 17.60 447, 311.50  
Unplaced: 705, 650, 215, 264, 583, 19, 551, 475, 331, 151, 29, 434, 55.

**6.—ONE MILE RACE.**  
For subscription griffins of both classes of this season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of a race value \$500 or over 5lb extra of two or more races value \$500 each or over 10lb extra. Ponies that have run and not won allowed 5lb. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races allowed 5lb. 1st prize, \$250; 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$75.

Mr. Saint's St. Anthony, 150 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Doyle) 1  
Mr. Ferdinand's Workshop (late Don Juan), 150 lbs. (Mr. Remedios) 2  
Dr. Forsyth's Frome, 163 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3  
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Repulse Bay Chief, 157 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 0  
Mr. Nemasee's Ardelan, 155 lbs. (Mr. H. Seth) 0  
Mr. B. Basto's Frampton, 153 lbs. (Mr. Poits) 0  
Mr. C. P. Templeton's Mouldy (late Leotard), 150 lbs. (Mr. Templeton) 0  
Mr. C. R. Thompson's Shooting Star, 150 lbs. (Mr. Thompson) 0  
Mr. H. P. White's Carpenter, 150 lbs. (Mr. Kremer) 0  
Mr. Albert's Glad Eye (late East), 147 lbs. (Capt. Spinks) 0  
Mr. Grimstone's Ragged Nut (late Raggedyann), 147 lbs. (Mr. S. E. Grimstone) 0

Messrs. Hosie and Lay's By Jingo, 144 lbs. (Major Timmins) 0  
They got away well. True to its name, Shooting Star shot in front of the field and made a brilliant display of speed, but soon its bolt was shot, and it fell out as quickly as it had assumed the lead. Workshop made the pace after this but rounding the bend it was replaced by St. Anthony, who, hugging the rails, won another popular victory three lengths in front of Workshop. Only half a length separated second and third.

Time: 2min. 08.35secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$15.00 438, \$2,430.40  
2. 23.20 394, 694.40  
3. 21.10 377, 347.20  
Unplaced: 210, 637, 15, 288, 448, 264, 548, 531, 329, 559.

**7.—ONE AND A QUARTER MILE RACE.**  
Handicap. For China ponies. 1st prize, \$300; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$75.

Mr. Staves' Bolshiev, 149 lbs. (Mr. Bell Irving) 1  
Messrs. Braywood & Leitch's Flywheel, 150 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Doyle) 2  
Mr. Soares' Forest Child, 147 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 3  
Mr. H. Birckett's Dunsop (late Aspin), 155 lbs. (Mr. F. Sutton) 0  
Mr. Seth's The Amer, 150 lbs. (Mr. H. Seth) 0  
Sir Paul's Charing Cross, 150 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 0  
Mr. Dyer's Beggar King, 148 lbs. (Major Timmins) 0  
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Kandy Child, 147 lbs. (Mr. Kremer) 0  
Mr. Ferdinand's Tuckshop (late Only Hope), 147 lbs. (Mr. Remedios) 0

The light was falling when this race was started and it was difficult to follow the ponies. The order when passing the judges' box for the first time was: Charing Cross, Dunsop, and Flywheel, the others in a bunch behind. The order was not changed for the next half mile although the rest of the field closed up on the leaders. At the bend, Bolshiev and Flywheel spurred together and a neck to neck struggle up to the winning post saw Bolshiev secure first place only a head in front. Forest Child was third a length and a half behind.

Time: 4min. 43secs.  
Part-mutuel. Cash Sweep.  
1. \$8.60 59, \$2,744.70  
2. 7.10 681, 734.20  
3. 8.90 638, 592.10  
Unplaced: 567, 387, 76, 243, 514, 493.

## CHEMICALS.

## MANCHESTER REPORT.

The report of Sir S. W. Royle & Co., Ltd., Manchester, on February 15 is as follows:—

Chemicals.—There has been only a limited business passing during this month, and that principally for the home trade, the export demand being very poor. The value of most products have eased further, but consumers continue to cover only their immediate requirements. Sulphate of Copper is again lower in spite of the firm position of the metal. The home demand is small, and although the official returns for January show an increase in exports, the amount of new business passing is limited. Green Copperas has been steadily called for. There has been little enquiry for Acetates of Lime, but a fair amount of business has been placed in Acetate of Soda. Acetic Acid is unchanged. Acetates of Lead continue to be neglected and Nitrate of Lead has also been in poor request. (The possibility of legislation restricting the importation of Potash compounds has so far not affected the market here. The demand for Carbonate of Potash, and Caustic Potash is very moderate and prices are lower. Stocks of Montreal Potashes are ample. Sulphate of Potash has an easier tendency. Yellow Prussiate of Soda is still poor, and price is again lower. Resale parcels of White Powdered Arsenic have affected the market and trade is confined to small lots. There has been little enquiry for Tartaric Acid for the home trade, but a fair amount of business is reported for export. Cream of Tartar continues to be pressed for sale by holders of stocks, and until these are cleared there seems little prospect of better prices. Citric Acid has remained steady. British makers of Bichromates reduced their prices early in the month, but stocks of both home and American makes are still offering at less money. Oxalic Acid is again cheaper and is offered largely from the Continent. Borax and Boracic Acid are unchanged, and there is little call for Phosphate of Soda. Prices of Alum and Sulphate of Alumina are easier, especially for export. Murate of Ammonia and Sal ammoniac have been moving only slowly and stocks have accumulated. White Caustic Soda has been in rather better request but other Soda compounds have been little called for. Tar Products generally remain depressed with little business doing and prices uncertain. Benzole and Toluole are quiet with few enquiries. There is little call for Solvent Naphtha and prices are lower. Creosote, if anything, is also easier. Crude Carbolic Acid is lifeless; Cresylic and Crystal Carbolic Acids are also pressed for sale. The demand for Naphthalene is small and prices are still falling. Pitch remains dull, with values still on the downward grade, and buyers on the Continent have been taking some supplies from Germany at very low figures. Sulphate of Ammonia is practically unchanged.

Sundries.—American Pearl Starch is lower with the improvement in the rate of exchange, and whilst stocks on this side are only small, they have been sufficient to meet requirements, and little is doing for future shipment. Stocks of Japanese Marins are small and fairly held, but Dutch is offered freely at lower figures. Reduced prices are also accepted for Dextrine. A moderate business has been passing in Barytes with keen competition from the Continent. Turpentine is again easier. Lower prices are also being accepted for Paraffin Wax and Scale. Superphosphate is in fair enquiry and good supplies are coming forward from the Continent. Bone Meal also is in steady demand.

At the Magistracy on Saturday Magistrate Lindell committed for trial Shum Loo-ang on charges of uttering a forged money deposit receipt for \$5,000, said to have been issued by the Holland Pacific Trading Company, Limited, with intent to defraud Mr. J. H. van Gempe Lohrs; and with attempting to obtain \$4,559.50 from the firm by false pretences. Mr. Crew, for the accused, reserved his defence. Mr. Blake, for the prosecution asked for an increase in bail and suggested \$10,000. Mr. Crew contended that the present bail was ample. The Magistrate increased the bail to \$1,000, \$500 in cash and the remainder in one surety.

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## MAKING PRISONS PAY.

## THE COST PER HEAD.

## A REFORMATION DUE.

Before the war the average population of our prisons was about 16,000, and each of these offenders costs the community an average of £30 a year. To-day there are not quite so many prisoners, but the cost per head has just about doubled, writes Christopher Beck in a Home paper.

The thing is absurd. A man commits a burglary and thereby causes loss to one or more of the taxpayers. He is arrested, expensively tried, and sentenced, we will say, to five years' penal servitude, a term which good behaviour will reduce to three years and four months. He serves his "separate" and goes to Portland, or if a "reformatory" to Dartmoor, where he is put to work either in a "shop" or a quarry or on the land.

Many different trades are followed in convict prisons. The men make iron castings, boots, clothes, tinware, mail bags, matting, twine, brushes, and many other things. The workshops are large, airy, and well equipped, and since the men lead the most healthy lives and are mostly fit enough, you might think that at any rate they would do enough work to pay for their keep.

They do nothing of the sort. Their labour does little more than pay for the food which they consume. All the pay of the Prison Board, the governor, and the big staff of wardens comes out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

It was not always so. Fifty years ago many of our prisons were self-supporting. It all depended upon the governor, who, in those days, had plenary powers. In his book, "Crime and Criminals," Dr. Quinton gives an instance of a prison in which he was medical officer, where there was a most successful home industry, and where carpentering was conducted on a paying basis. Hand-some walnut wardrobes were made, and even billiard tables.

"The prison," he writes, "was a hive of industry, and the bees seemed to enjoy a corresponding sense of freedom." About the same date Wakefield Prison was turning out mats worth £40,000 a year, far more than paying the whole expenses of the establishment.

In America to-day, where each State manages its own prisons, there are many prisons on a self-supporting basis, and mark you, it is in these that the prisoners are happiest and best behaved. It was the Act of 1877 by which local prisons were taken over by the Government, which changed everything here. At once gratuities to prisoners for extra work seemed stopped and the labour allowances received by wardens were cut off. Our prisons became the deadliest in the whole world, and although conditions are now vastly improved, yet all prison labour is perfunctory. The men only work seven hours a day, and wardens tell me that it takes three convicts to do the work of one free man. The fact is that the prisoners have no incentive to do their best. They only muddle through.

A reformation is about due, and the taxpayers should see that it arrives. As for the objection raised by trade unions against the sale of prison products, that can be got over by selling at full market price.

## AUTHORS AND CRITICS.

## PECULIAR POINT.

## PARIS CONTROVERSY.

The Paris newspaper proprietors have arrived at a decision with regard to the peculiar point raised by the judgment against M. Doumic, Editor of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, who was ordered by the court to insert in his review a reply which M. Silvan and M. Joubert had written in answer to his criticism of their play, "The Persians." This judgment practically gave writers dissatisfied with notices of their works the right to reply, and what the newspaper proprietors had to decide was whether they should ban all notices or open the columns of their journals to all writers, dramatists, and painters who did not like criticism of their works. As indicated, they decided to bring about a modification of the law, and have now drawn up the following notice, which will be submitted for the examination of the parties interested: "Persons who by the publication, representation, interpretation, or exhibition of a work have invited the judgment of the public will only be able to exercise the right of reply to a criticism if a journalist has written anything affecting their honour." This is regarded as a fair settlement of the controversy, and it is expected that Parliament will not refuse to have the law modified in the sense desired.

## SUPERSTITIONS.

## THE MEASURING WORM.

If you are sitting on the piazza of a farm-house and see one of those little creatures known as the measuring-worm looping its way over your clothing brush it off at right-ways. If you don't you are likely to die before your time as any country-bred person can tell you. They will probably laugh at the superstition as they recount it but, nevertheless, watch how quickly they brush off a measuring worm if one gets on them.

This old superstition arises from that association of ideas with things so common with our prehistoric ancestors and so natural to the human mind in all ages—not by any means excepting this age.

The little larva of the geometrid moth has feet only at bow and stern so when he moves he draws up his hind feet, places them close to his front feet and then sends his front feet ahead for a fresh foothold; apparently measuring off the person upon whom he crawls in slow and solemn manner.

Why is he making this peculiar motion; so different from the method of locomotion with other worms? The submerged, primitive mind arises from the "unconscious" and answers "He is measuring out the life of man." "He is measuring you for a shroud." It is useless to argue that he may be measuring you for a new suit of clothes; for the primitive mind's natural tendency is to look on the dark side of things and regard the unusual as the threatening. The writer has heard children say "with awe" "Brush off that measuring-worm! if you don't when he takes his last measure you die."

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